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Page 1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS -----X In re: PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY) MDL No. 1456 AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICE) LITIGATION ----) THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:) Civil Action United States of America, ex) No. 01-12257-PBS rel. Ven-A-Care of the Florida) Judge Patti B. Keys, Inc. v. Abbott,) Saris Laboratories, Inc.) Magistrate Judge CIVIL ACTION NO. 06-11337-PBS) Marianne B. Bowler ----X CONFIDENTIAL VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF JEANI LEE HAINES Taken on behalf of the Relator, Ven-A-Care of the Florida Keys, Inc. January 30, 2008 Nashville, TN (CAPTION CONTINUES ON FOLLOWING PAGE)

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1	given the wholesaler EPIC numbers. BY MR. RIKLIN:	1 2	BY MR. RIKLIN:
2		3	Q. Okay. When was it brought to your attention that Medicare and Medicaid based
3	Q. Okay.		
4	A. So we provide those based on what	4 5	reimbursement on a percentage off of AWP? MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection, form.
5 6	wholesaler they used. Q. Okay. Did these price lists ever	6	· ·
7	contain AWP?	7	A. That was five or six years ago, five years ago, when we were made aware of the change
8	A. No.	8	in Vancomycin.
9	Q. AWPs?	9	Q. Okay. And how were you made aware that
10	A. No.	10	Medicare and Medicaid based reimbursement on a
11	Q. Okay. Any other written other than	11	percentage off of AWP?
12	these price lists you referred to, any other	12	MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection.
13	written materials that you provided to your	13	BY MR. RIKLIN:
14	accounts at these meetings?	14	Q. You said it was in connection with a
15	MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection, form.	15	price change for Vancomycin?
16	A. Literature, product literature.	16	MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection, form.
17	BY MR. RIKLIN:	17	A. Can I clarify that?
18	Q. Okay. And what did the product	18	Q. Sure.
19	literature consist of generally?	19	A. I didn't I wasn't aware that it was
20	MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection, form.	20	paid a percentage based on Medicare/Medicaid.
21	A. Photos, description.	21	Q. Well, maybe it would help maybe it
22	BY MR. RIKLIN:	22	would be better if you just told us what it was
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1	Q. Description of the product?	1	you became aware of five or six years ago
2	A. Sometimes the package insert.	2	relating to Medicare and Medicare reimbursement?
3	Q. But not pricing information?	3	MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection, form.
4	A. No.	4	A. I had a customer tell me that the AWP
5	Q. Okay. Ms. Haines, as an account	5	had changed on our Vancomycin.
6	manager, did you come to understand that Medicare	6	BY MR. RIKLIN:
7	and Medicaid based reimbursement on a percentage	7	Q. Okay. What else did the customer tell
8	off of AWP; is that your understanding?	8	you?
9	MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection, form.	9	A. That exactly what you said, that it
10	A. I didn't have an understanding of it.	10	impacted the reimbursement.
11	BY MR. RIKLIN:	11	Q. Okay. And did your customer tell you
12	Q. You never you never knew that?	12	that as a result did your customer tell you
13	A. Didn't know that.	13	there was a decrease in the AWP for Vancomycin?
14	Q. Did you ever hear that from any source	14	MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection, form.
15		15	A. Yes.
16	MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection, form.	16	BY MR. RIKLIN:
17	BY MR. RIKLIN:	17	Q. And did the customer tell you that that
18	Q during the time that you were an	18	affected the amount of the reimbursement by
19	account manager?	19	Medicare or Medicaid for that for that
20	MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection, form.	20	product?
21	A. There was a time when it was brought to	21	MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection, form.
22	my attention.	22	BY MR. RIKLIN:

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1	Q. What were you told?	1	Q. Okay. That's action.
2	MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection, form.	2	A. Okay.
3	A. I wasn't told the specifics, just that	3	Q. You mentioned it to your district
4	it affected their reimbursement.	4	manager?
5	BY MR. RIKLIN:	5	A. Yes.
6	Q. Okay. And when you say "affected their	6 7	Q. Okay. Did you mention it to anybody
7 8	reimbursement," did the customer tell you that it decreased the amount of the reimbursement for	8	else?
9		9	MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection, form.
10	that product, Vancomycin? MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection, form.	10	A. I believe he mentioned it to people above him.
11	A. Yes.	11	BY MR. RIKLIN:
12	A. Tes. BY MR. RIKLIN:	12	
13		13	Q. Okay. A. Because we
	Q. Okay. And do you recall whether the	14	
14 15	customer was referring to Medicare reimbursement, Medicaid reimbursement or other third party	15	Q. He took the information you conveyed
16	* *	16	and he conveyed it to his superiors, correct?
17	reimbursement; do you recall? MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection, form.	17	MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection, form. A. Yes.
18	· ·	18	A. Tes. BY MR. RIKLIN:
19	A. I don't recall the specifics. BY MR. RIKLIN:	19	Q. Back at Abbott Park?
20	Q. What did you do with that information?	20	A. Yes.
21	Let me back up. Is that the first time that it	21	Q. Okay. And what did you tell your
22	had ever come to your attention that Medicare and	22	general manager?
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1	Medicaid based reimbursement in some form or	1	MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection, form.
2	fashion on AWP?	2	A. Just what I had been told.
3	MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection, form.	3	BY MR. RIKLIN:
4	A. Yes.	4	Q. Did did your what was your
5	BY MR. RIKLIN:	5	general manager's response to you when you told
6	Q. Okay. And did your customer indicate	6	him is this Mr. Beck?
7	to you that it was intended to take any action as	7	MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection, form.
8	a result of the reduction in the reimbursement	8	A. Yes. BY MR. RIKLIN:
9 10	from Vancomycin?	10	
11	MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection, form. A. I don't recall.	11	Q. Okay. When you told gave Mr. Beck this information from your account regarding the
12	BY MR. RIKLIN:	12	reduction and reimbursement for Vanco, what was
13	Q. Okay. Well, do you recall taking any	13	his response?
14	action after receiving that information from your	14	MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection, form.
15	account?	15	A. We don't set AWP.
16	A. That I took action?	16	BY MR. RIKLIN:
17	Q. Yeah. Did you take any action?	17	Q. Okay. And did he
18	MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection, form.	18	A. Which
19	A. Well, there was no, I didn't. I	19	Q. Pardon me?
20	mean, I of course, I mentioned it to my	20	A. Sorry.
	manager.	21	Q. I'm sorry.
21			
21 22	BY MR. RIKLIN:	22	A. I didn't mean to interrupt.

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Page 146 Page 148 Q. No, that's okay. Go ahead. That was 1 MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection, form. 2 his response, we don't set AWP? 2 BY MR. RIKLIN: 3 A. Correct, which was my response also. 3 O. In written form? Q. That was your response to the customer? 4 4 A. Not that I recall. 5 5 Q. How was that policy first communicated 6 Q. Okay. Did you give -- did you make any 6 to you? 7 recommendations to the customer, I mean, other 7 MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection, form. than to say, we don't set AWP? 8 A. I don't recall how it was first 8 9 MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection, form. 9 communicated to me. I do know that from, you 10 A. That was my understanding that the 10 know, that Vancomycin AWP decrease, there was 11 communication there. As far as prior to that, First DataBank makes the AWP. 11 12 Q. Okay. And who is First DataBank? 12 you know, we were just told that we don't set the 13 MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection, form. 13 AWP. 14 A. I don't know. 14 BY MR. RIKLIN: BY MR. RIKLIN: 15 15 Q. Who -- who told you, who first told you that Abbott does not discuss AWP? Do you recall 16 Q. Well, you mentioned First DataBank, is 16 it your understanding that First DataBank is a 17 who that was? 17 18 service that reports prices for drug products, 18 A. Who first told me? 19 including Abbott's drug products? 19 Q. Uh-huh. 2.0 MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection, form. 2.0 A. No, I don't. 21 A. I don't have a clear understanding of 21 Q. Do you recall when it was? First DataBank. 22 A. No. It's just always been out there. Page 147 Page 149 1 Q. It's always been out there? 1 BY MR. RIKLIN: 2 A. That I can recall. 2 Q. Okay. Well, you mentioned a minute ago that it was your understanding that First 3 Q. And was it told to you for the first DataBank determines AWPs? time before you became an account manager or do 4 4 5 A. Uh-huh. you recall? 6 Q. Okay. What is your understanding about 6 MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection, form. how First DataBank determines AWPs? 7 A. I don't recall when. 7 MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection, form. 8 BY MR. RIKLIN: 8 9 Q. You don't --9 A. I don't have an understanding of that. A. I know when I was out in the field, I 10 BY MR. RIKLIN: 10 Q. Well, what is your understanding of 11 knew that we don't set AWP. 11 what First DataBank is? 12 12 Q. Okay. And you started out in the field 13 13 in 1997? A. I --14 MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection, form. 14 A. Yes. A. -- I don't have an understanding of 15 15 Q. Okay. So it -- logically, it was that. I just know that, from my history with sometime prior to that time when you went out 16 16 Abbott, there was a policy that we don't discuss into the field that it was communicated to you 17 17 18 AWP because we are the manufacturer and we don't 18 that Abbott doesn't set AWP? MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection, form. 19 19 set it. 20 20 BY MR. RIKLIN: A. Might have been. 21 BY MR. RIKLIN: 21 Q. Okay. Did that policy -- did you ever 22 see that policy in writing? 22 Q. You're not sure?

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Shorthand Reporter, at 111 East Wayne Street, Suite

800, Fort Wayne, Indiana, commencing at 9:10 a.m. on
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Page 38 Page 40 a field rep between '92 and '97? experience as a field sales rep, did a customer 2 A. I was hired into the position by Bob 2 ever ask you any questions regarding reimbursement 3 Curtis, and I believe he -- they realigned 3 of Abbott's products? territories. And very shortly after, probably 4 A. No. 4 eight months after I took on the position, I then 5 5 Q. Exhibit Harling 003, the spreadsheet reported to Craig Smith. that's attached to Exhibit Harling 003, would this 6 6 7 Q. And was Craig Smith your supervisor when 7 have been of any use to you as a field sales rep? 8 you left this position in '97? 8 MR. HANLON: Objection, form. 9 9 BY THE WITNESS: A. Yes. 10 Q. Would it have been your practice that if 10 A. I don't believe so. Q. Why is that? you brought an issue from the field that you would 11 have taken it to your immediate supervisor? A. I don't believe that AWP was something 12 12 13 A. Most likely. 13 that was important to my role as a sales position. 14 Q. So is it most likely that with regard to 14 Q. Do you think that AWP was important to 15 this particular reimbursement issue with this 15 the customer? 16 customer, you would have taken it to your immediate 16 MR. HANLON: Objection, form. 17 supervisor? 17 MR. WINCHESTER: Objection, form. 18 MR. WINCHESTER: Objection, form. BY THE WITNESS: 18 19 BY THE WITNESS: 19 A. I don't know. 20 20 Q. Okay. All right. So after working five A. I don't recall particularly who I brought it to, but I may very well have brought it to years as an infusion sales specialist in 21 22 Craig. 22 Scottsdale, Arizona, you relocated to Chicago, Page 39 Page 41 1 Q. And do you recall what discussion you had Illinois, where you took on a new position as a contract marketing analyst; is that right? 2 regarding the reimbursement issue? 2 A. I don't recall the particular discussion. 3 3 I remember the basic result was, you know, we don't 4 Q. And that would have been in April of '97? 4 have control or ability to affect the reimbursement A. I relocated in April of '97, yes. 5 5 for a customer. All we can sell on is our line of 6 Q. Okay. Now, what was your job and what 7 product, the service that we provide, and the 7 did you do as a contract marketing analyst? quality of our product and our price. 8 8 A. Worked on the contracts and the pricing Q. With regard to Exhibit -- your Exhibit 9 9 for customers. Harling 003 which is before you and the attached 10 10 Q. Okay. And if I understood your testimony spreadsheet, if you could look to the first page --11 earlier, your duties would -- you would become 11 12 There you go. 12 involved in contracting and pricing for customers 13 A. This page? only when the price was at a discount off of list, 14 Q. Uh-huh. Do you believe that the 14 correct? 15 information in this spreadsheet would have been 15 A. Correct. useful to a sales representative regarding any 16 Q. So your duties did not involve you when a 16 17 customer questions on reimbursement? 17 sale was made at list, correct? 18 MR. HANLON: Objection, form, calls for 18 MR. WINCHESTER: Objection, form. 19 speculation. 19 BY THE WITNESS: 20 BY THE WITNESS: 20 A. Correct. 21 A. I have no idea. 21 Q. All right. Okay. Can you take us 22 Q. Did a customer -- Other than that one 22 generally through how you did your job?

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1 2 3	5:33 p.m. with the conclusion of the October 30th deposition of David Harling. (WHEREUPON, the deposition was	
4	adjourned.)	
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11	Subscribed and sworn to and before me	
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1	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	
1	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS) EASTERN DIVISION) SS.	
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1 2	COUNTY OF COOK I, Rachel F. Gard, Certified Shorthand	
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10 11	that the taking of said videotaped deposition commenced on the 30th day of October, A.D., 2007, at 9:10 a.m. at	
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13 14	Suite 800, Fort Wayne, Indiana. I further certify that I am not a relative or	
15	employee or attorney or counsel of any of the parties,	
16 17	nor a relative or employee of such attorney or counsel, nor financially interested directly or indirectly in	
18	this action.	
19	In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my	
20 21	hand and affixed my seal of office this 7th day of November, A.D., 2007.	
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Page 78 Page 80 1 MS. THOMAS: Do you remember anything 1 Q. Were there national meetings that you 2 2 during the time you were at Abbott Alt Site where attended? 3 3 you engaged in discussions about pricing of A. Not every year, but there were national 4 Abbott's drug products? 4 meetings. 5 5 Q. What, if anything, do you recall about MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection. Form. 6 THE WITNESS: I can't remember. 6 the presentations made at national meetings? 7 A. Basically the same thing as district 7 MS. THOMAS: Do you recall any and regional meetings. You just rehash the same discussions with other Abbott employees or at 8 8 9 9 things over and over again about the products, these meetings or training sessions about 10 and we talked about new products and sales goals 10 reimbursement of Abbott's products? and things like that. 11 MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection. Form. 11 12 Q. To the extent that you received 12 THE WITNESS: No. training that you would characterize as selling 13 13 BY MS. THOMAS: 14 skills, what can you tell me about that type of 14 Q. You have no recollection during your nine years there of ever having talked about 15 training? 15 reimbursement of Abbott's products? 16 16 A. Just how to talk to a customer, probe them to see what their needs are when promoting 17 A. I don't remember. 17 18 the product. 18 Q. Do you recall any discussion to the 19 Q. What discussion, if any, did you have 19 effect that one should not talk about in the course of training about selling skills 20 reimbursement issues pertaining to Abbott 20 21 about prices of Abbott products? 21 products? MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection. Form. 22 22 A. No. Page 79 Page 81 THE WITNESS: I don't recall. 1 Q. Do you recall one of the things that 1 2 BY MS. THOMAS: 2 you were taught to do in working with a customer 3 3 involved learning what that customer's payor mix Q. You don't recall whether the topic came 4 4 up or you don't recall what was said? was? 5 A. I just don't remember if they did that. 5 A. No. 6 Q. Do you have any recollection at all of 6 Q. Do you recall ever being told that one 7 price being discussed during any district, 7 of the things you ought to know as an Abbott regional, or national meetings? sales representative was the manner in which your 8 8 9 MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection. Form. 9 customers were reimbursed for products that they THE WITNESS: There could have been 10 10 were buying from Abbott? 11 MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection. Form. 11 price discussed, yeah, on pumps, what kind of 12 different programs they had for the pumps, but I 12 THE WITNESS: No. 13 MS. THOMAS: Did you ever know anything 13 don't recall. about any of your customers' means of getting 14 BY MS. THOMAS: 14 15 Q. When you say what types of programs 15 reimbursed for product that you were promoting to they had, promotional-type programs Abbott had to them? 16 16 17 sell its pumps? Is that what you're referring 17 MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection. Form. 18 18 to? THE WITNESS: No. 19 19 MS. THOMAS: So you encouraged them to A. Yes. buy product, which they then bought from Abbott, 20 Q. How about pertaining to drug products? 20 but there was never any discussion about the MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection. Form. 21 21 22 THE WITNESS: I can't remember. manner or level at which they would be reimbursed 22

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Page 82 Page 84 for the product when it was dispensed to a discussions with your customers about the prices 2 patient? 2 at which they were obtaining Abbott products? 3 MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection. Form. And I'm switching gears here. We're talking 4 THE WITNESS: No. I sold the product about the price they paid to obtain the Abbott 4 5 to the company. products. BY MS. THOMAS: 6 THE WITNESS: Yes. 6 7 Q. Right. 7 MS. THOMAS: Was that a frequent topic of discussion in your sales and marketing 8 A. I didn't know like where it was going. 8 9 9 Q. Where did you think it was going? efforts? 10 A. To a patient. 10 MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection. Form. Q. And how --11 THE WITNESS: For pumps, yes. 11 12 A. Go ahead. I'm sorry. BY MS. THOMAS: 12 Q. I'm sorry. I didn't mean to cut you 13 13 Q. How about for Abbott drug products? 14 off. 14 A. No. 15 15 How, if at all, did you understand that Q. Nobody seemed to care what the price of your customers who were providing or dispensing the product was when you were marketing it? 16 16 this product to patients, how were your customers 17 MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection. Form. 17 18 getting paid? 18 THE WITNESS: I'm sure they did. 19 MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection to form. 19 BY MS. THOMAS: 2.0 THE WITNESS: I don't know. 20 Q. Did they just know what the price was 21 MS. THOMAS: You had no idea? All nine 21 independent of your conversation so it didn't have to come up in conversation with you? Is years that you were promoting product, you had no Page 83 Page 85 idea how they got -- like what happened after 1 that your understanding? 2 2 they gave a product to a patient? A. Yes. 3 MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection. Form. 3 Q. How did your customers know what the THE WITNESS: No. I can't remember. 4 4 prices were --5 5 MS. THOMAS: Did you deal exclusively MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection. Form. 6 with charitable organizations who probably 6 MS. THOMAS: -- for Abbott drug 7 provided product for free to patients? 7 products? MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection. Form. 8 8 MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection. Form. 9 THE WITNESS: No. 9 THE WITNESS: If they --10 BY MS. THOMAS: 10 BY MS. THOMAS: Q. So to the best of your understanding, 11 11 Q. I'll rephrase the question. the customers that you were calling on were for-12 12 What understanding, if any, did you profit companies that were looking to be paid have as to how your customers knew what the 13 13 when they dispensed or administered a product to prices were for Abbott drug products? 14 14 a patient. Correct? 15 15 A. I'm sure that they would have a GPO A. Yes. that they would get prices from. 16 16 Q. A GPO refers to? 17 17 Q. But you never engaged in any conversation with anyone about how they would get 18 A. Like a group purchasing organization. 18 Q. And it's your understanding that by 19 paid or the level at which they would get paid? 19 MR. SCANNAPIECO: Object to the form. 20 20 virtue of your customers being members of a GPO, 21 THE WITNESS: No. 21 the price at which they would obtain Abbott drug 22 MS. THOMAS: Did you engage in 22 products was essentially predetermined by the

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PRICE LITIGATION : 01-CV-12257-PBS

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The Florida Keys, Inc. :

v. Abbott Laboratories, :

Inc., No. 06-CV-11337-PBS :

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Rel. Ven-A-Care vs. Abbott :

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1	ultimate authority and control over the Medicaid	1	A. Yes.
2	rebate submissions for HPD products; correct?	2	Q. And in fact, over the years, Abbott has
3	MS. CITERA: Objection to form.	3	actively partnered with such pharmacies and sought
4	THE WITNESS: Yes.	4	to help them in filing reimbursement claims;
5	BY MR. ANDERSON:	5	correct?
6	Q. Likewise, did Mr. Ward or other general	6	MS. CITERA: Objection to form.
7	managers of Alternate Site product sales have	7	THE WITNESS: Correct.
8	ultimate control and authority over the list prices	8	BY MR. ANDERSON:
9	that were reported for HPD products to the	9	Q. And shared in the proceeds of those
10	compendia?	10	claims, including claims that were submitted to
11	MS. CITERA: Objection to form.	11	Medicare and Medicaid; correct?
12	THE WITNESS: To my knowledge, no,	12	A. Yes, correct.
13	they did not.	13	Q. So why was it that if these products
14	BY MR. ANDERSON:	14	were being sold through hospitals, as well as
15	Q. Why not?	15	Alternate Site customers, that John Ward was given
16	A. Because we have actually gone over	16	the authority and control over the Medicaid rebate
17	this before. The list prices were established at a	17	submissions?
18	corporate level.	18	MS. CITERA: Objection to form.
19	Q. Why were the rebate submissions not	19	THE WITNESS: Because hospitals are
20	approved at the corporate level?	20	hospitals, and they are inpatient entities.
21	A. Approved? The rebate submissions	21	Outpatient entities came over to Alternate Site.
22	approved? I don't understand what you mean by	22	So anything that was outpatient was over in
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1	approved.	1	Alternate Site. That's how Ward got it.
2	Q. You said John Ward had control and	2	BY MR. ANDERSON:
3	authority as the general manager of Alternate Site	3	Q. And were those outpatient pharmacies
4	product sales for the HDP rebate submissions;	4	purchasing under contracts that they had obtained
5	correct?	5	from the hospital business sector?
6	MS. CITERA: Objection to form.	6	A. I don't know. I don't know anything
7	THE WITNESS: He had responsibility	7	about the contracting. I knew contracts exist,
8	for that program, I mean, yes, and it was charged	8	existed, and I knew there were discounts in
9	to his budget, yes.	9	contracts, and I knew the contracts went for
10	BY MR. ANDERSON:	10	periods of time, and that's my total knowledge of
11	Q. So why was that control and authority	11	contracts.
12	located in Alternate Site when these were products	12	Q. You mentioned that you have attended
13	that were being sold to hospitals as well as	13	industry meetings concerning reimbursement; is that
14	Alternate Site customers?	14	correct?
15	MS. CITERA: Objection to form.	15	A. Sure, yes.
16	THE WITNESS: But they weren't, the	16	Q. And you said that you would attend,
17	Medicaid program, that Medicaid Drug Rebate Program	17	what, a couple of those per year?
18	is not a hospital program at all. It has nothing	18	A. In the early days, when I was learning,
19	to do with hospitals.	19	I went to several. I would go to maybe three a
20	BY MR. ANDERSON:	20	year. Lately, I don't go to very many.
21	Q. Well, you understand that hospitals also	21	Q. And the audience of these industry
22	have outpatient pharmacies, don't you?	22	meetings are fellow drug company personnel and

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Heggie, Michael

CONFIDENTIAL Philadelphia, PA

May 17, 2007

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1 2	Have you had any other discussions	1 2	CERTIFICATE
3	with the Department of Justice or the State of Texas, since then other than in the deposition	3	STATE OF NEW JERSEY :
4	context?	4	: SS
5	A. No.	5	COUNTY OF BURLINGTON :
6	MS. CITERA: Okay, that's all I	6	I, Jeanne Christian, Court
7	have.	7	Reporter-Notary Public within and for Burlington
8	THE VIDEO TAPE OPERATOR: This	8	County, Commonwealth of New Jersey, do hereby
9	concludes the video tape deposition of Michael	9	certify that the foregoing testimony of Michael
10	Heggie. We are now going off the video record.	10	Heggie was taken before me at 1622 Locust
11	The time is 8:51.	11	Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on Thursday,
12		12	May 17, 2007; that the foregoing testimony was
13	MR. ANDERSON: I just want to state	13	taken in shorthand by myself and reduced to
14	for the record that we have searched high and low	14	typing under my direction and control, that the
15	for selling materials, and to my knowledge, the AIM	15	foregoing pages contain a true and correct
16	reimbursement guide or related selling materials	16	transcription of all of the testimony of said
17	have not been produced in this case, and to the	17	witness.
18	extent they are subsequently produced, I reserve	18	
19	the right to question Mr. Heggie about those, as he	19	JEANNE CHRISTIAN
20	is the author of that, and I certainly contend that	20	Notary Public
21	those materials should have been produced by now,	21	My Commission expires
22	alleviating the need to recall Mr. Heggie.	22	May 21, 2007
	Page 299		<u> </u>
1	MS. CITERA: I object to your		
2	characterization or that we are going to come back		
3	here again.		
4	MR. GOBENA: Do you think it would		
5	be possible maybe to identify whether it is federal		
6	production or California or Texas where that module		
7	might be? Are you saying it was produced?		
8	MS. CITERA: I thought it was, but I		
9	have been looking at these documents for		
10	THE WITNESS: It was a looseleaf		
11	binder.		
12			
13	(Whereupon the deposition was		
14	concluded at 8:52 p.m.)		
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16			
17	MICHAEL HEGGIE		
18	Subscribed and sworn to and before me		
19	this, 20		
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21			
22	Notary Public		

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NO. GV4012	286	
THE STATE OF TEXAS) IN THE DISTRICT COURT	
ex rel. VEN-A-CARE OF THE FLORIDA KEYS, INC., Plaintiffs,))))	
VS.) TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS	
ABBOTT LABORATORIES INC., HOSPIRA, INC., B. BRAUN MEDICAL INC., AND BAXTER HEALTHCARE CORPORATION, Defendant(s).))))) 201ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT	
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ORAL AND VIDEOTAPED MICHAEL THOMAS August 22,	S HEGGIE	
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ORAL AND VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF MICHAEL THOMAS HEGGIE, produced as a witness at the instance of the Plaintiff(s), and duly sworn, was taken in the above-styled and numbered cause on the 22nd of August, 2006, from 9:08 a.m. to 5:02 p.m., before CYNTHIA VOHLKEN, CSR in and for the State of Texas, reported by machine shorthand, at the offices of Berger & Montague, P.C., 1622 Locust Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, pursuant to the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure and the provisions attached previously.

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Page 22 Q. By "claims processing" we're talking about Q. What was your discipline in your graduate 1 1 2 courses? 2 3 A. That was Elizabethan literature.

4 O. I'm sorry?

5 A. That was Elizabethan literature.

6 Q. Elizabethan literature. Okay. So you don't 7

have an MBA?

8 A. No.

9 Q. But you did teach business math?

A. Uh-huh. 10

Q. What level? 11

A. About ninth grade, I think it was. It might 12

have been eighth or ninth. 13

Q. And did I read that you came to work for 14

Abbott Laboratories in 1989; is that true? 15

A. Uh-huh. Yep. 16

17 Q. Do you recall what year? What month, excuse

18 me?

19 A. I believe July.

Q. What was your first duty at Abbott 20

Laboratories? 21

22 A. Answering the phone.

Q. You were hired as a receptionist? 23

A. No. I was hired to answer a telephone from 24

physicians who would phone in orders for a homecare

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the process by which Abbott's customers had their cost

of obtaining drugs reimbursed by third-party payers

such as Medicare and Medicaid or private insurance?

A. No, not at all.

6 Q. Okay.

A. That wasn't what I was alluding to at all.

Q. What kind of claims processing are you 8

9 alluding to?

A. The Renal division at Abbott at one time did 10

direct billing for -- of Medicare for patients who 11

received renal supplies in their house. There's two

types of dialysis, renal dialysis. There's 13

14 hemodialysis, which -- which you go to a center, and

there's peritoneal dialysis in which you do at home. 15

16 O. Okav.

17 A. And in the home in those days, again, going

18 back to the early '90s, a lot of these home things

19 were very popular with companies and Abbott had a

20 group, called the Renal Group, in which they supplied

peritoneal dialysis solutions to patients at home and 21

22 then in turn billed for those. And that's the billing

I'm talking about. 23

24 Q. Billed who?

25 A. Medicare mostly.

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operation that Abbott had at the time. 1

O. Was this in the Home Infusion Services --

3 A. Yep --

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4 Q. -- department?

5 A. -- it was.

6 Q. Okay. And how long did you work in Home

7 Infusion Services, do you recall?

8 A. Don't recall.

Q. I believe I read in your prior testimony that 9

it was a number of years and that you transferred from

Home Infusion Services into Renal Care; is that true? 11

A. Well, it wasn't a transfer per se. It was a 12

13 transition.

14 Q. Could you explain to me what you mean -- how

you're distinguishing between transfer and transition? 15

16 A. Well, in a corporation, in a large

17 corporation, if you're going to transfer there's a

formality to it. In this particular case these things 18

were all sort of in one area within Abbott and they 19

20 all resided within a division and I happened to have

21 some interest in this claims processing and so -- I

appeared to be good at it and so Renal had some issues

with some claims processing and I worked on those 23

24 issues and that was sort of the transition rather than

25 transfer. Q. Medicare.

A. Yes. When your kidneys fail, Medicare has a

specific program that you're allowed to seek

reimbursement from. It's called the ESRD program. 4

5 Q. And what specifically was your responsibility

6 in interacting with this reimbursement by Medicare? 7 A. It was to submit the claims and collect the

8 money.

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9 Q. Did you have some involvement in making sure 10 that you got the right amount of money back?

A. Yes. I mean, certainly that's part of the 11

12 job.

13 Q. And as part of the claim, what was the amount of money that you were claiming? 14

A. Well, it would depend on the amount of 15

16 supplies you got --

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. -- one got.

Q. And was it also -- was -- have you heard of

20 an acronym "average wholesale price" or "AWP"?

A. Yes. Sure.

22 Q. Was that involved in this claims process with

23 Medicare?

24 MR. BERLIN: Object to the form.

25 A. No. No, not -- not in this because the way

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- in which Medicare operates the ESRD program, it's a 2 set amount of money you get -- one gets for a monthly 3 supply of goods. 4
 - Q. Now, the goods we're talking about here, are we talking about -- are you talking about durable medical equipment or are you talking about drugs?
- 7 A. Well, they're technically drugs, but they're really not drugs in the sense when you think of a drug 9 like penicillin or something like that. They are 10 solutions. But, yes, they're drugs.
- 11 Q. So you're talk -- now, you're talking ensuring that Medicare is reimbursing the proper 12 13 amount for solutions, but what time period are you 14 referring to?
- A. Oh, man. I don't know. Maybe the late --15 16 let's see. I went there in July of '89, so I'd have 17 to -- probably '90, '91, maybe. Couldn't tell you how long I did it or how long it went on. 18
- 19 Q. Were you still in Home Infusion Services at 20 this time?
- 21 A. Yes.

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- 22 Q. Okay. And as part of your job in ensuring
- that Medicare is reimbursing the proper amount of 23
- money, your testimony is that AWP was not a factor in
- those discussions at that time?

the lower right corner that -- TXABT 00081?

- A. Yes. Correct. 2
- 3 Q. Okay. And the first page you see
- 4 Mr. Kringel's name at the top as the senior
- vice-president and -- of Hospital Products and
- president of Hospital Products Division. Do you see 6 7 that?
- 8 A. Yep.

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Q. Do you recall Mr. Kringel? Did you know him?

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- 10 A. Well, I recall Mr. Kringel and, no, is -- you
- 11 know. I mean --
- Q. It rings true that he was the big boss at 12
- 13 Hospital --
 - A. Yeah.
- 15 O. -- Products Division?
- 16 A. Yeah.
- 17 Q. Okay. And underneath that you see various
- 18 subordinate units underneath Hospital Products
- 19 Division?
- 20 A. Right.
- 21 Q. And underneath Mr. Kringel and to the right
- you see division vice-president/general manager of
- Alternate Site?
- A. Yes. 24
- 25 Q. Do you see that? Do you see Robertson?

- 1 A. AWP had nothing to do -- to the best of my
- 2 recollection, had nothing to do with renal solutions. Q. Let me ask you to look at a couple of 3
- documents that have already been marked as exhibits 4
- 5 in -- deposition exhibits in prior depositions.
- 6 A. Sure.
- 7 Q. And these are organizational charts that I'm hopeful can -- let's -- this has been previously 8
- marked as Exhibit 45 in this case. 9
- 10 A. Sure.
- 11 Q. First of all, let me just ask you to take a look at it and see if it looks familiar to you.
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- 13 MR. STETLER: Ray, do you happen to have another one by any chance? 14
- MR. WINTER: Yeah, I think we do. 15
- 16 Do you have an extra one?
- 17 MS. MOORE: Oh, sure.
- 18 MR. STETLER: That's okay. I just hate 19 to share with Eric.
- 20 THE WITNESS: It's hard to read. I can
- 21 read Kringel's name. I can read Begley's name. MR. STETLER: Why don't you -- why don't 22
- you wait for a question. 23 Q. (BY MR. WINTER) Okay, Mr. Heggie. You're 24
- looking at the first page that has a Bates number in

- 1 A. Yep. 2
 - Q. Do you know that to be Don Robertson?
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- Q. Okay. Did you know Mr. Robertson or did you 4
- 5 interact with him professionally?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Okay. And on the next page, if you'll turn
- 8 to the next page. There's a Bates number 82.
- Underneath Mr. Robertson that you have general manager
- 10 for Alternate Site Product Sales, do you see J.V.
- Ward? Is that John Ward? 11
- 12 A. That's John Ward.
- 13 Q. And then you have a general manager for Renal
- Care. That's P.L. Mershimer; is that true? 14
- 15 A. Yes.
- O. Would that be Loreen Mershimer? 16
- 17 A. That's Loreen Mershimer.
- 18 Q. Okay. And then to her right you see a
- general manager for Home Infusion Services and that's 19
- 20 Mike Sellers, right?
- 21 A. Correct.
- 22 Q. Okay. Now, at this time, September 1995,
- 23 were you working in the Home Infusion Services area or
- 24 were you over in the Renal Care area?
- 25 A. What time, again?

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                                                                       I, MICHAEL THOMAS HEGGIE, have read the foregoing
    position, but before we re-read more documents that
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                                                                      deposition and hereby affix my signature that same is
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    we've read several times earlier today, we're out of
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                                                                      true and correct, except as noted above.
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    time
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              MR. WINTER: Well, let me make my
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    position clear before you walk out, Dave. Under our
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                                                                                    MICHAEL THOMAS HEGGIE
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    first amended protective order we are allowed to
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    designate up to four witnesses as 16-hour witnesses
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    and we are reserving the right to designate this
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    witness as a 16-hour witness and we have not completed
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    our examination. So if we have to take that up --
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              MR. STETLER: I understand your
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                                                                      personally appeared MICHAEL THOMAS HEGGIE, known to me
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    position. I've got to go catch a plane.
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              MR. WINTER: I understand.
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              MR. STETLER: If anybody would have told
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                                                                      card or other document) to be the person whose name is
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    me, I would have made other arrangements.
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              MR. WINTER: Well, I'm not talking about
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                                                                      acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the
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    continuing today, Dave. We are talking about
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                                                                      purposes and consideration therein expressed.
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    continuing at another time.
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              MR. STETLER: I know. I know.
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              MR. WINTER: Okay.
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              MR. STETLER: I've got to go.
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              THE VIDEOGRAPHER: It's now 5:02. We
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    are going off the video record. This completes
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    testimony for today.
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                                                                          DEPOSITION OF MICHAEL THOMAS HEGGIE
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     That pursuant to information given to the
    deposition officer at the time said testimony was
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         Attorney for the Relator;
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        MR. ERIC BERLIN,
         Attorney for Defendants Abbott
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         Laboratories, Inc. and Hospira, Inc.
        MS. GINGER APPLEBERRY,
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         Attorney for Defendant B. Braun Medical,
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN RE: PHARMACEUTICAL * MDL NO. 1456

INDUSTRY AVERAGE WHOLESALE * CIVIL ACTION NO.

* 01-12257-PBS PRICE LITIGATION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, *

ex rel. VEN-A-CARE OF THE *

FLORIDA KEYS, INC. * CIVIL ACTION NO.

* 06-11337-PBS

VS.

ABBOTT LABORATORIES, INC. * CONFIDENTIAL

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ORAL AND VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF

KAYE JESSUP

FEBRUARY 14, 2008

Henderson Legal Services, Inc.

202-220-4158

Jessup, Kaye

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February 14, 2008

Page 26 Page 28 1 Q. Okay. What was his explanation? 1 A. That is correct. 2 A. That we do not set AWP, that the 2 MR. LEWIS: Object to form. difference is -- the spread is the difference 3 3 Q. (By Mr. Black) Okay. And in all your listening to TV and the general media, that had between AWP and what a business would be reimbursed 5 by a third party --5 never come to your attention? 6 Q. Okay. 6 A. No. 7 A. -- government, someone. And that's 7 Q. Okay. So he explained the spread to you? 8 what's called the spread. A. Uh-huh. 8 9 Q. Okay. Now, before you worked for Abbott, 9 Q. Were you surprised? you worked in private industry, correct? A. I wouldn't call it surprised. It's just 10 10 A. Yes. 11 11 informed. 12 Q. And they had government contracts for 12 Q. Well, what he informed you of was, at some of the patients, correct? 13 13 least the allegation was, the people that you sold A. Medicare? drugs to were actually being paid a different price 14 14 Q. Yes. 15 15 than what the price of the drug Abbott was selling A. Yes. 16 16 it for, correct? 17 Q. And you are aware that just because your 17 A. Right. company paid a certain amount for a certain product 18 Q. And all along, for years and years, you 18 that was -- or drug that was passed on to a had always thought that was the same? 19 19 patient, Medicare or Medicaid might reimburse you MR. LEWIS: Object to form. 20 at a different rate, correct? 21 21 O. (By Mr. Black) Is that correct? MR. LEWIS: Object to form. 22 22 A. Can you say that again? Page 27 Page 29 A. I was not aware of that. 1 Q. For years you had always thought that the 1 2 Q. (By Mr. Black) Okay. So your experience government reimbursed precisely or near what the in private industry was that if Baylor, for actual cost was to that entity? 3 3 example, paid \$3.50 for an item, that they would 4 A. I don't know. I did not work with always be reimbursed \$3.50 by Medicare or Medicaid? 5 5 government contracts. 6 MR. LEWIS: Object to form. 6 Q. Okay. But you did work with nursing 7 A. I was not aware of any of the 7 homes, for example? reimbursement information. 8 8 A. No. 9 Q. (By Mr. Black) Okay. 9 Q. I thought you handled nursing homes and A. Because I did not work in that area. 10 10 institutions at some point in your career. 11 Q. Okay. But -- and as I understand, you 11 A. No. have a master's degree in nutrition? 12 12 Q. Okay. What --13 A. Public health. 13 MR. LEWIS: I don't understand what Q. Public health, okay. 14 14 you're talking about, Larry. 15 A. Uh-huh. 15 MR. BLACK: In selling -- selling to 16 Q. And in any of your -- your training in 16 companies that ran nursing homes or had nursing 17 the area of public health -- and I know it's been a home type pharmacies. 17 18 while. It's been a while since all of us have been 18 MR. LEWIS: Now, are you up to her 19 to school except for my colleague here. You did 19 time with Abbott now or --20 not discuss the difference between what Medicare or 20 MR. BLACK: At any time. 21 Medicaid might pay and the actual cost of providing 21 A. Pharmacies that service long-term care 22 the services or drugs? 22 facilities?

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Chicago, IL

Page 1 THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS ----X In re: PHARMACEUTICAL) MDL No. 1456 INDUSTRY AVERAGE WHOLESALE) Civil Action No.) 01-12257-PBS PRICE LITIGATION ----X THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:) Judge Patti B. United States of America,) Saris ex rel. Ven-a-Care of the) Florida Keys, Inc. v.) Magistrate Judge Abbott Laboratories, Inc.,) Marianne B. Bowler CIVIL ACTION NO. 06-11337-PBS) (CAPTIONS CONTINUE ON FOLLOWING PAGE) CONFIDENTIAL VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF

DEBORAH L. JOHNSON

MARCH 13, 2008

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Henderson Legal Services, Inc.

202-220-4158

Johnson, Deborah L. CONFIDENTIAL Chicago, IL

March 13, 2008

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1	A. My managers in both the inside sales	1	A. I don't.
2	and then outside sales roles I know had talked	2	Q. How did you know that they were
3	about it. And I believe the trainers, Trudi	3	interested in AWP?
4	Burchieri and Dave Rotz as well. I'm not sure at	4	A. I was in there asking why they weren't
5	which time and who did which one, but I know I	5	purchasing one of my products that was on their
6	had received information about AWP not to discuss	6	contract, and they said the reason was because
7	it from those people.	7	our AWP was unfavorable for them.
8	Q. You indicated that you had received the	8	Q. Do you recall about what year that was?
9	instruction from your manager when you were a	9	A. I don't.
10	sales rep. So that would have been Mike Beck; is	10	Q. Do you recall what the product was?
11	that right?	11	A. I believe it was vancomycin.
12	A. That's right.	12	Q. Did you hear other sales reps, any
13	Q. Who was your manager when you were in	13	other sales reps that you worked with, indicated
14	inside sales?	14	that they were also experiencing that situation?
15	A. Sherrie Mae.	15	A. No.
16	Q. During any of the times that you were	16	Q. How did you respond to the customer?
17	instructed not to discuss AWP, do you recall	17	A. I told him we can't discuss AWP, and
18	anyone else asking why it was not allowed?	18	that was the end of that conversation.
19	A. I don't.	19	Q. The time that you received the
20	Q. Or do you recall anyone explaining to	20	instruction not to discuss AWP and someone held
21	you the reasons that you shouldn't discuss AWP	21	up a Red Book, had you seen a Red Book before?
22	with customers?	22	A. No. I had not.
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1	A. I don't remember.	1	Q. Did you ask what is a Red Book?
2	Q. Even if you don't recall the specific	2	A. I didn't because they were telling us.
3	words that someone said, do you recall the	3	Q. So in that conversation they said this
4	general reason why, your understanding of why,	4	is the Red Book, and did they say what the Red
5	you weren't to discuss AWP with customers?	5	Book was for?
6	MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection, form.	6	A. They just said it contained AWP prices,
7	THE WITNESS: I don't.	7	and if we saw this from customers that we weren't
8	BY MS. FORD:	8	to discuss it.
9	Q. So is it your testimony that you knew	9	Q. And at that time did you understand
10	not to discuss it but you didn't know why? A. That's correct.	10 11	what AWP meant?
11 12		12	A. I knew it was a price, and that was
13	Q. Did you understand AWP to be something	13	all. Q. Did you understand that it stood for
14	that your customers were interested in? MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection, form.	14	average wholesale price?
15	THE WITNESS: No.	15	A. Yes.
16	BY MS. FORD:	16	Q. Did you also understand that it was a
17	Q. They weren't interested in it?	17	price at which your customers were reimbursed for
18	A. One customer was.	18	the products that they purchased from Abbott?
19	Q. Which customer was that?	19	MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection, form.
20	A. It was I believe a long-term care or	20	THE WITNESS: No.
21	home care pharmacy in Oklahoma City.	21	BY MS. FORD:
22	Q. Do you recall the name of the customer?	22	Q. What did you understand AWP to be used
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Page 82 Page 84 Q. Did you understand that other sale reps 1 for? 1 2 2 were discussing AWP with customers? A. I didn't. Again, I knew it was a 3 price, and that was it. 3 A. No. Q. Any of the instructions that you 4 Q. You didn't know one way or the other? 4 5 received about not discussing AWP, would you 5 A. I didn't know one way or the other. characterize them as firm in tone or direct? 6 Q. Did the instruction not to discuss AWP, 6 7 A. Definitely, yes. 7 was that only instruction not to discuss AWP with 8 Q. Did that cause you to wonder what's the 8 customers? Were you allowed to discuss it with big deal about AWP, you know, why can't we 9 9 you coworkers? 10 discuss it? 10 A. We were told not to discuss it with 11 MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection, form. customers. I don't recall if we were instructed 11 12 THE WITNESS: No. 12 to not talk to coworkers about it, but we didn't. Q. Did you understand average wholesale 13 BY MS. FORD: 13 price to have something to do with reimbursement? 14 Q. Did you ask any of your coworkers about 14 MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection, form. 15 15 AWP? THE WITNESS: When I came into Contract 16 A. No. 16 17 17 MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection, form. Marketing, I did. BY MS. FORD: 18 BY MS. FORD: 18 19 Q. After you were promoted to Contract 19 Q. But prior to that time you didn't know what AWP was used for? Marketing, did you become more familiar with AWP 2.0 20 21 at that point? 21 A. No. MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection, form. 22 22 Q. So were you allowed to talk about Page 83 Page 85 THE WITNESS: No. reimbursement with customers? 1 2. 2 BY MS. FORD: A. No. 3 3 Q. Did you see documents where customers Q. If you didn't know they were related, 4 would provide you price lists that would contain 4 how did you know that you weren't supposed to 5 AWP for the Abbott products that they were going 5 talk about reimbursement with customers? 6 to purchase? 6 A. We were told we don't talk about 7 7 reimbursement, we don't talk about AWP. We were A. No. 8 8 Q. Do you recall anything else about the told not to talk about those things. So I did 9 instructions that you received not to discuss 9 AWP? 10 10 Q. Did you think that the instruction not 11 to talk about reimbursement was separate from the A. No. I do not. 11 instruction not to talk about AWP, or were they 12 Q. Is it your testimony that you had not, at that point you had not discussed AWP with all part of the same prohibition? 13 13 A. From what I recall, they were separate. customers; is that correct? 14 14 Yeah, I think they were separate. 15 A. That's correct. 15 16 Q. What instruction did you receive, what 16 Q. Do you know why Abbott would be repeating this instruction four to five times was the detail of the instruction you received 17 17 during the time you were a sales rep if it's not not to discuss reimbursement? 18 18 19 something that you were doing? 19 A. I don't recall specifically, I don't recall specifically what we were given or told. 20 MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection, form. 20 THE WITNESS: No. I do not. Q. For example, if a customer asked you 21 21 BY MS. FORD: 22 22 whether a particular product was reimbursable,

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1	MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection, form.	1	MS. FORD: The United States agrees and
2	THE WITNESS: No. I was not.	2	agrees to the extent that a third party has
3	MS. FORD: The United States has no	3	designated a document as "Confidential" or
4	further questions at this time and will pass the	4	"Highly Confidential," that designation stands
5	witness. However, we reserve our right to recall	5	and is in no way implicated by the letter
6	Ms. Johnson based upon Abbott's continuing	6	provided to counsel or the Court Reporter today.
7	document production in this case and pending	7	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are off the
8	motions to compel documents from Abbott.	8	record at 5:40 p.m. with the conclusion of the
9	MR. SCANNAPIECO: Abbott doesn't	9	deposition of Deborah L. Johnson.
10	necessarily agree to reproduce Ms. Johnson for	10	(WHEREUPON said deposition was so
11	any of the areas of testimony documents that	11	adjourned.)
12	she's testified on today.	12	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
13	In addition to that, Abbott would just	13	
14	request that portions of the deposition testimony	14	
15	and exhibits that are related specifically to Ms.	15	DEBORAH L. JOHNSON
16	Johnson's job performance and/or her individual	16	
17	financial payments from Abbott or her financial	17	Subscribed and sworn to and before me
18	relationship to Abbott in the form of stocks and	18	this, 20
19	other items be marked "Highly Confidential."	19	<u> </u>
20	We have provided a letter to both the	20	
21	Department of Justice counsel and to the Court	21	Notary Public
22	Reporter as to that effect.	22	·
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1	MS. FORD: The United States reserves	1	STATE OF ILLINOIS)
2	its right to object to the designation of	2	COUNTY OF C O O K)
3	portions of the transcript as "Confidential" or	3	I, Donna M. Kazaitis, RPR, CSR No.
4	"Highly Confidential" once it actually obtains	4	084-003145, do hereby certify:
5	the portions that counsel has so designated.	5	That the foregoing deposition of DEBORAH L.
6	MR. SCANNAPIECO: I guess I have one	6	JOHNSON was taken before me at the time and place
7	more clarification. Per the protocol outlined in	7	therein set forth, at which time the witness was
8	the letter, I don't believe that Abbott will be	8	put under oath by me;
9	able to either designate or de-designate any	9	That the testimony of the witness and all
10	items that were a portion of a production from a	10	objections made at the time of the examination
11	third party as I guess those designations have	11	were recorded stenographically by me, were
12	been made by third parties.	12	thereafter transcribed under my direction and
13	So any documents that are marked with	13	supervision and that the foregoing is a true
14	the Bates stamp, I think that come from either	14	record of same.
15	MHA or you identified also a production from	15	I further certify that I am neither counsel
16	GeriMed, I guess Abbott takes no position on	16	for nor related to any party to said action, nor
17	that. And I believe that those have already been	17	in any way interested in the outcome thereof.
18	marked "Confidential." And until another party	18	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my name
19	takes an action, those should remain I guess	19	this 24th day of March, 2008.
20	"Confidential" or "Highly Confidential," but	20	
21	Abbott takes no position on designating them or	21	D M W '4' DDD CCD 004 000145
22	de-designating them.	22	Donna M. Kazaitis, RPR, CSR 084-003145

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FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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INDUSTRY AVERAGE WHOLESALE : CIVIL ACTION #

PRICE LITIGATION : 01CV12257-PBS

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:

ALL ACTIONS

CONFIDENTIAL PURSUANT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER

The deposition of PETER KARAS, called by the Plaintiffs for examination, taken pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure of the United States District Courts pertaining to the taking of depositions, taken before KIMBERLY WINKLER CHRISTOPHER, a Notary Public within and for the County of Kane, State of Illinois, and a Certified Shorthand Reporter of said State, taken at 77 West Wacker Drive, Suite 3500, Chicago, Illinois, on the 6th day of December, 2005, at the hour of 9:12 o'clock a.m.

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Page 54 Page 56 THE WITNESS: Ultimately -- ultimately the but from a standpoint of input. 1 2 business unit that's got profit and loss BY MR. SIEVERT: 3 responsibility for the product offering. Q. Okay. So in those circumstances it's not 4 BY MR. SIEVERT: 4 like there would be a document that exists that shows 5 5 the name on it or signature on it approving a Q. And just so I understand, what are some 6 examples of business units, as you're using the term 6 contract? 7 A. No. 7 in that sentence? 8 A. General manager of drugs and drug delivery. 8 Q. Okay. 9 Q. And you had that position at some time; is 9 A. Other than the contract signatory from when 10 that right? 10 it's gone out from contract marketing. I mean, there A. Well, whatever position I had from '99 to would be a signatory on the front representing 11 11 - not '99, but '89 -- pardon me -- to 2005. hospital products division as the cosignatory on the 12 12 13 Q. Sure. 13 contract. 14 A. 1995. 14 Q. Would that be you? 15 Q. So in that position as general manager of 15 A. No. Q. Who would it be? hospital injectable products from '89 to '96, you had 16 17 the authority to approve contract prices; is that 17 MS. TABACCHI: Object to the form. 18 THE WITNESS: It would have been the 18 right? 19 19 contract -- whoever was running contract marketing at A. Yes. 20 MS. TABACCHI: Object to the form. 20 the time. BY MR. SIEVERT: BY MR. SIEVERT: 21 21 22 Q. Was your approval required for a contract 22 Q. Okay. And you said that there were other Page 55 Page 57 1 to go into effect? instances in which you would promulgate guidelines, I 2 2 MS. TABACCHI: Object to the form. guess, about the approval of contract prices; is that 3 THE WITNESS: Other than -- certain 3 right? 4 4 instances, yes; other instances, I would have A. Yes. 5 provided guidelines. 5 Q. What kind of guidelines would you propose -6 BY MR. SIEVERT: - did you propose? 7 7 Q. Okay. In what instances was your approval A. If supply was limited, I might instruct them to try to raise prices. If cost had gone up required for a contract to go into effect? 8 8 MS. TABACCHI: Object to the form. 9 9 because of raw materials, I might tell -- give them 10 THE WITNESS: New products, major GPO 10 different direction. If supply was limited, I might contracts or multiple inputs were received. But I give them different direction in terms of, you know -11 11 12 was ultimately responsible for the final thing, so --12 - any unique set of characteristics, I would provided direction. When I do a plan at the beginning of the 13 BY MR. SIEVERT: 13 year, you might give guidelines that you'd like to 14 Q. Okay. What did you mean 14 15 BY Multiple inputs received? 15 try to get your prices up 2 percent. A. National accounts, contract marketing. Q. So far we've been -- in this context we've 16 16 17 Q. Okay. Do you mean that there were 17 been talking about the term "contract price." 18 circumstances in which your input, national accounts, 18 Are there any other terms that you used to and contract marketing input were all required for a 19 describe contract price? 19 20 contract to be approved? 20 A. No. 21 MS. TABACCHI: Object to the form. 21 Q. Are you familiar with the term "list 22 THE WITNESS: Not in a rubber stamp format, 22 price"?

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2	Q. What is it?	2	Q. Is list price also called direct price?
3	A. It's catalog price.	3	A. Not familiar with the term.
4	Q. So do you mean it's the price that's	4	Q. Are there any other names that you've heard
5	published in catalogs offered by Abbott?	5	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
6	MS. TABACCHI: Object to the form.	6	to for the term "list price"? A. No.
7	THE WITNESS: Hospital products, again,	7	Q. How does HPD determine the list price for
8		8	its drugs?
9	please. BY MR. SIEVERT:	9	Č .
10	Q. Hospital products.	10	A. Since we're in the generic drug business,
11		11	list price was generally a number less than
12	A. It is our catalog published price.		proprietary product in the range of 20 to 25, 30
	Q. Does hospital products have its own	12	percent.
13	catalogs separate from any other catalogs that are	13	Q. Who at HPD determined what the list price
14	created by Abbott?	14	for a drug was?
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16	THE WITNESS: Yes.	16	THE WITNESS: Initially it would have been
17	BY MR. SIEVERT:	17	the business manager, general manager of the
18	Q. How often do those catalogs are those	18	business.
19	catalogs created?	19	BY MR. SIEVERT:
20	MS. TABACCHI: Object to the form.	20	Q. When was that the case, that the general
21	THE WITNESS: Generally speaking, annually.	21	manager of the business
22	BY MR. SIEVERT:	22	A. I can only speak to when I was there, I was
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Page 32 Page 30 BY THE WITNESS: MS. CITERA: Objection to the form. 1 2 A. It was the price billed to wholesalers 2 BY THE WITNESS: 3 when they purchased product, yes. 3 A. Well, we had price -- there was a list 4 4 BY MR. ANDERSON: price, as well, that we had. 5 Q. And, accordingly, were the WAC prices 5 BY MR. ANDERSON: the prices that actually appeared on the invoices 6 6 Q. And were you involved in the setting from Abbott to the wholesalers? and approval of list prices? 7 7 8 MS. CITERA: Objection to form. 8 It was my business, but it was not 9 BY THE WITNESS: 9 something that I actively managed. 10 A. Yes. 10 Who did? 11 BY MR. ANDERSON: 11 Basically, it was done primarily by 12 Were there any other wholesale prices 12 the contracting people on an annual basis, for 13 that you were involved in setting or approving from 13 people that bought direct or did not have contracts 1988 through 1997? 14 with us. 14 15 15 A. No. sir. Who was the individual who ultimately Q. Were you aware of any other wholesale approved list prices between 1988 and 1997? 16 Q. 16 17 prices from 1988 through 1997? 17 MS. CITERA: Objection to form. BY THE WITNESS: 18 A. No. sir. 18 19 What group of people were involved in 19 O. It was in my domain, so ultimately I setting these WAC prices? 20 20 was responsible. But it was not something that was, MS. CITERA: Objection to form. 21 21 I said, actively managed. BY THE WITNESS: 22 BY MR. ANDERSON: 22 23 Q. What did you do to manage the list 23 It would have been, you know, myself 24 as a general manager, my marketing people and then 24 price process? 25 contract marketing, as well. MS. CITERA: Objection to form. Page 31 Page 33 BY THE WITNESS: BY MR. ANDERSON: 2 2 Was Mr. Harry Adams involved in this A. It was just done -- we just normally 3 WAC setting or approval process? 3 raised, you know, list prices on an annual basis commensurate with CPI or Consumer Price Index. 4 MS. CITERA: Objection to the form. 4 5 BY THE WITNESS: 5 BY MR. ANDERSON: 6 A. He was a conduit to the wholesaler. I 6 Q. Why? 7 can't recall that he was specifically involved in 7 There was a subset of customers that the setting of those prices. would buy product from Abbott and they paid list 8 9 BY MR. ANDERSON: 9 price. And it was an entire catalog that included 10 Do you recall Mr. Adams being involved 10 virtually all products that were sold and in the process of notifying wholesalers of new WAC manufactured by Abbott, hospital products division. 11 11 pricing? 12 What type of customers were part of 12 13 this subset that paid list price? 13 A. Yes, sir. 14 Q. And it's possible that he was involved 14 I cannot give you a specific customer in the process of setting the prices but you're just 15 type, although, they were noncontracted customers, 15 not sure; is that correct? that could be fired departments or, you know, small 16 17 MS. CITERA: Objection to form. 17 pharmacies, that type of thing. Things that were 18 BY THE WITNESS: 18 not actively managed as part of the hospital I can't really -- I can't comment to 19 19 business. 20 20 Q. What -- roughly, what percentage of that. Abbott customers paid list price? 21 BY MR. ANDERSON: 21 Q. Were there any other prices, other 22 MS. CITERA: Objection to form. 22 23 than contract prices and WAC prices, that were set 23 BY THE WITNESS: or approved between 1988 and 1997 at Abbott, to your 24 A. I cannot give you a specific 24 25 knowledge? percentage, I'm not aware of a specific percentage.

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Page 62 Page 64 exception or a new products, yes. But on an BY THE WITNESS: 1 2 ongoing, normal basis, probably not. 2 A. I think I mentioned earlier to you 3 BY MR. ANDERSON: there were a subset of customers that paid list 4 4 So who was really making the decision prices, and it was a profitable business, and we 5 as to what the price increases would be, you or the 5 routinely raised the prices. 6 6 product managers, such as Mr. Sebree and Ms. BY MR. ANDERSON: 7 Hernandez? 7 Q. And I don't want to belabor your prior 8 MS. CITERA: Objection to form. 8 testimony, but given that no effort was made to 9 BY THE WITNESS: 9 ascertain the level of list price sales, if Abbott had determined that the level of list price sales 10 They would make the decisions, and 10 then, ultimately, I would be responsible. 11 was extremely small, for instance, around one 11 12 BY MR. ANDERSON: 12 percent or less, would that have impacted your 13 So they would make -- they would make 13 decision to approve annual price increases on the 14 the decision as to what the catalog price should be, 14 products you were responsible for? 15 MS. CITERA: Object to the form. 15 and then you would approve it and, ultimately, be 16 BY THE WITNESS: 16 responsible for it? 17 MS. CITERA: Objection to the form. 17 A. Like I mentioned earlier to you, you know, even a small number, when you're running a 18 BY THE WITNESS: 18 19 business is of value. And a million dollars is a 19 A. I was running the business, I was, ultimately, responsible. 20 20 million dollars. BY MR. ANDERSON: 21 21 And so, you know, that made it 22 And you also mentioned they would, in 22 worthwhile. turn, be in charge of implementing the price change. 23 23 BY MR. ANDERSON: Q. So, in your view, even sales of one How would they go about doing that? 24 They would not physically implement 25 percent or less, would justify annual price Page 63 Page 65 it. They would go to contract marketing, and increases to garner that incremental revenue? contract marketing would, basically, fill these 2 MS. CITERA: Objection to the form. 2 3 kinds of forms out and implement it. 3 BY THE WITNESS: 4 4 And when you're referring to these A. Well, if you're running the business 5 types of forms, you're talking about --5 and it's a profitable business, you try to maintain 6 A. Like this thing, I'm guessing. I 6 7 don't know. Like I said, I'm not sure how forms --7 BY MR. ANDERSON: 8 8 how prices were implemented into the system. Did you ever consider what the impact 9 9 You don't know the precise logistics, was of Abbott's publication of these catalog prices? 10 but you know just conceptually it was done and it 10 A. No. sir. looks like to you Exhibit 1160 and 1161 appear to be MS. CITERA: Objection to the form. 11 11 the standard types of forms that were used to 12 BY MR. ANDERSON: 12 implement the price changes? 13 13 Q. Did Mr. Adams ever explain to you that 14 MS. CITERA: Objection to form. 14 these catalog prices were being published to price reporting services, such as First Data Bank and 15 BY THE WITNESS: 15 16 16 Red Book? A. In these two instances, yes, sir. 17 BY MR. ANDERSON: 17 A. No. sir. 18 Q. Thank you. And, just conceptually, 18 MS. CITERA: Objection as to form. big picture, Mr. Karas, if the prices on the 19 19 BY MR. ANDERSON: hospital products that you managed were typically 20 Q. Did Ms. Cicerale ever explain to you that these catalog prices were being published to 21 going down in the market, why was it that you all 21 were taking the inflationary increases each year on pricing services, such as First Data Bank and 22 23 23 the list prices? Red Book? 24 24 MS. CITERA: Objection to form. A. No, sir. 25 25 MS. CITERA: Objection to form.

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5	weighted average, do you know what that calculates?	5	FLORIDA KEYS, INC.)
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7	was a percentage of sales each of these groups	7	v.) TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS
8	represents, and then it's a weighted average of what	8	ABBOTT LABORATORIES INC.,)
9	our group average selling price is for this specific	9	ABBOTT LABORATORIES, and)
10	product group.	10	HOSPIRA, INC.)
11	Q. And are you the ASP calculations,	11	Defendants.) 201st JUDICIAL DISTRICT
12	are you familiar with the underlying basis let me	12	I hereby certify that I have read the
13	clarify that.	13	foregoing transcript of my deposition given at the
14	Are you familiar with the way ASP	14	time and place aforesaid, consisting of Pages 1 to
15	is calculated on this chart?	15	347, inclusive, and I do again subscribe and make
16	MS. CITERA: Objection to the form.	16	oath that the same is a true, correct and complete
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18	A. On this product, I'm not sure what's	18	and includes changes, if any, so made by me.
19	included in the Dobutamine category.	19	
20	BY MR. LAVINE:	20	PETE KARAS
21	Q. Do you know who would perform these	21	SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me
22	calculations?	22	this day of , A.D. 200.
23	A. For these documents, most likely it	23	
24	would have been our financial analyst.	24	Notary Public
25	Q. Is that financial analyst particular	25	WITNESS ERRATA SHEET Page #1
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8	v.) TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS	8	v.) TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS
9	ABBOTT LABORATORIES INC.,)	9	ABBOTT LABORATORIES INC.,)
10	ABBOTT LABORATORIES, and)	10	ABBOTT LABORATORIES, and)
11	HOSPIRA, INC.	11	HOSPIRA, INC.
12	Defendants.) 201st JUDICIAL DISTRICT	12	Defendants.) 201st JUDICIAL DISTRICT
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1	WITNESS ERRATA SHEET Page #3	1	STATE OF ILLINOIS)
2	Cause No. D-1-GV-04-001286	2) SS:
3	THE STATE OF TEXAS) IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF		COUNTY OF COOK)
4	Ex rel.	4	I, SHARON BERKERY, a Notary Public within
5	VEN-A-CARE OF THE)	5	and for the County of Cook, State of Illinois, and a
6	FLORIDA KEYS, INC.)	6	Certified Shorthand Reporter of said state, do
7	Plaintiffs,)	7	hereby certify:
8	v.) TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS	8	That previous to the commencement of the
9	ABBOTT LABORATORIES INC.,)	9	examination of the witness herein, the witness was
10	ABBOTT LABORATORIES, and)	10	duly sworn to testify the whole truth concerning the
11	HOSPIRA, INC.	11	matters herein;
12	Defendants.) 201st JUDICIAL DISTRICT	12	That the foregoing deposition transcript
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14	following reasons:	14	reduced to typewriting under my personal direction
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17	Reason:	17	That the said deposition was taken before
18	Change:	18	me at the time and place specified;
19	Reason:	19	That I am not a relative or employee of
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21	Reason:	21	such attorney or counsel for any of the parties
22	Change:	22	hereto, nor interested directly or indirectly in the
23	Reason:	23	outcome of this action.
24		24	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereunto set
25	Signed	25	my hand and affix my seal of office at Chicago,

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1	Illinois, this 10th day of September, 2007.	
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6	Notary Public, Cook County,	
7	Illinois.	
8	My commission expires 7/22/2010.	
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FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN RE: PHARMACEUTICAL

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United States of America, Judge Patti B. Saris

ex rel. Ven-a-Care of the

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Laboratories, Inc., CIVIL Marianne B. Bowler

ACTION NO. 06-11337-PBS

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Page 126 Page 128 MR. DEMONTE: Objection to the form. 1 identification.) 1 2 2 A. For the most part, yes. MR. DEMONTE: Thanks. THE WITNESS: Thank you. 3 Q. Why do you think in this time frame the 3 solutions and equipment business seems to be 4 BY MS. OBEREMBT: 4 5 popping up so frequently on your weekly reports? Q. Would you please review Exhibit 16, which A. Well, it was specific to Amerinet. They is a week-ending report dated April 17th, 1999, 6 6 with your name on the left, and it appears to have 7 might have had a new agreement just launched; and 7 while I was calling on the account, in order to 8 been faxed on April 19th, 1999. 8 represent Abbott's agreement, which not only 9 A. Uh-huh. 9 10 included Ultane and Anzemet but also included 10 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Do you want to change solutions and equipment, while I was there, I would 11 the tape now? 11 let them know of it. 12 12 MS. OBEREMBT: Sure. We're going to go off the record and change the tape now while you're Q. Have you ever heard the term "spread" 13 13 used in connection with reimbursement for drugs? looking at the document. 14 14 A. I've heard of it. THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're going off the 15 15 Q. What do you understand it to mean? 16 video record. It's 1:40 p.m. 16 17 A. The amount of money that they would be 17 (Pause) reimbursed for for the drug less what they spend to 18 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're on the video 18 19 acquire it. 19 record. It's 1:42 p.m. 20 BY MS. OBEREMBT: 20 Q. Did you ever have any understanding that 21 Abbott had some unusually high spreads on certain 21 Q. Have you had a chance to review Exhibit 22 drugs? 16? 22 Page 127 Page 129 A. No. 1 A. Yes. 1 2 Q. Did you ever have any understanding that 2 Q. Does this look like another one of your some other manufacturer had unusually high spreads 3 weekly reports? 3 on certain drugs? 4 4 A. Yes. 5 5 Q. Would you look at Bullet Point No. 2 A. No. 6 Q. Did you ever find out what the AWP was of 6 where you discussed in the spreadsheet for a any of the anesthesia drugs that you were selling? customer called North Point Surgery Center. 7 7 8 8 A. No. A. Yes. 9 Q. Did you ever find out what the wholesale 9 Q. What were you attempting to do in the acquisition cost was for any of the anesthesia spreadsheet there? 10 10 11 drugs you were selling? 11 A. To identify which of the Abbott IV sets A. No. I know what the wholesaler billed 12 would be equivalent to their sets that they were 12 the customer, but I don't know what the wholesale 13 13 currently using that were manufactured by Baxter acquisition cost was. 14 and to list the price that was available to them 14 Q. So you didn't know how much the 15 15 off the Amerinet contract. wholesaler paid Abbott to acquire the drugs --Q. Did you know what price Baxter was 16 16 A. No. 17 17 offering them? A. I don't know. They may have told me; I 18 Q. -- is that correct? 18 19 MS. OBEREMBT: I'd like to have this 19 don't know. 20 20 marked as Q. Did customers sometimes tell you what prices they were getting from a competitor --Exhibit 16. 21 21 22 (Exhibit Kassak-Weiss 016 was marked for 22 A. Yes.

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1	specialist for, I think and I was the only	1	<u> </u>
2	anesthesia specialist for about a year. So the	2	
3	other districts did not have these right away.	3	
4	Q. But they did incorporate the anesthesia	4	
5	specialist later on in the other districts?	5	LISA KASSAK-WEISS
6	A. Yes.	6	DIOTAL ISSUED
7	MR. SISNEROS: Okay. I don't have any	7	SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN before and to me this
8	other questions.	8	day of, 2008.
9	MR. DEMONTE: At this time I would like	9	, ====,
10	to mark as Exhibit 29, Kassak-Weiss 29, a March	10	
11	25th, 2008, letter to all counsel and all court	11	
12	reporting staff advising that Abbott Laboratories	12	
13	is requesting that portions of the deposition	13	
14	transcript and/or exhibits to the deposition of	14	
15	Lisa Kassak-Weiss containing and there are	15	
16	different categories of information, certain	16	NOTARY PUBLIC
17	information will be deemed confidential or should	17	
18	be deemed confidential, and Certain information	18	
19	should be deemed highly confidential.	19	
20	I would just request that the court	20	
21	reporting staff review this exhibit, and I've	21	
22	provided a copy to the government, who is here, and	22	My Commission expires:
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1	Mr. Sisneros is here via phone. Other than that, we		
2	have no questions.		
3	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're going off the		
4	video record. It's 4:09 p.m.		
5	THE REPORTER: Would you like to read or		
6	waive?		
7	MR. DEMONTE: No. We never waive.		
8	(Discussion off the record.)		
9	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're on the video		
10	record. It's 4:10 p.m.		
11	MR. DEMONTE: We're back on the record.		
12	This is Mark DeMonte. I inadvertently labeled the		
13	March 25th, 2008, letter as Exhibit 29. It		
14	should be Kassak-Weiss Exhibit 28.		
15	(Exhibit Kassak-Weiss 028 was marked for		
16	identification.)		
17	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Now we're going to go		
18	off the video record. It's 4:10 p.m.		
19	(Statement of counsel concluded at 4:10 p.m.)		
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